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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/369,386
Filing Date	August 6, 1999
First Named Inventor	TANEYA
Group Art Unit	2673
Examiner Name	J. Piziali
Attorney Docket Number	914-101

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
  - i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on November 6, 2002  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Enclosed
  - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 35 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 14-1140
  - i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) : 12/27/2002 AWONDAF1 00000165 09369386
  - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) : 01 FC:1801 740.00 OP
  - iii. ☐ Other : 02 FC:1252 400.00 OP
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1140.00 for RCE Filing Fee and 2 Month Extension of Time Fee is enclosed herewith
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (For PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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